

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF PLANNING

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3150
TO BE ANSWERED 19.03.2025

ATAL INNOVATION MISSION

3150. DR. K SUDHAKAR:

Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of active Atal Tinkering Labs (ATLs) established across the country under the Atal Innovation Mission (AIM) particularly in Odisha;
- (b) whether any impact assessment has been conducted to evaluate the effect of ATLs on school children, including the benefits and outcomes of these labs on fostering innovation and curiosity;
- (c) the details of the measures taken by the Government to further boost the reach of ATLs, especially in rural and underserved areas under AIM;
- (d) the manner in which the ATLs are designed to generate curiosity and creativity among school students and the specific activities or approaches being implemented to achieve the set target; and
- (e) the details of support given to start-ups through Atal Innovation Mission including start-ups from Karnataka who have been benefited under the Mission?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION; MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CULTURE

(RAO INDERJIT SINGH)

- (a) Atal Innovation Mission (AIM), NITI Aayog has established 10,000 Atal Tinkering Labs (ATLs) across the country, of which 331 ATLs are in Odisha.
- (b) Yes Sir
- (c) Out of 10,000 ATLs established by AIM, 5,692 (56.92%) ATLs have been established in rural areas. Further, 1022 (10.22%) ATLs have been established in Aspirational Districts.

- (d) Each ATL is equipped with a diverse array of tools and technologies designed to foster innovation and hands-on learning among students. ATLs house 21st century tools and technologies such as IoT, 3D printing, rapid prototyping tools, robotics, miniaturized electronics, do-it-yourself kits etc. Training, workshops and hackathons are regularly conducted and learning modules are published on emerging technologies and 21st century skills.
- (e) AIM through its Atal Incubation Centre (AIC) and Atal Community Innovation Centre (ACIC) programs support start-ups. These centres provide start-ups with physical working space, IT, lab and associated infrastructure, access to resources, technical and business development mentors and experts, and access to potential finance AICs and ACICs have incubated over 4000 start-ups. In Karnataka, 11 AICs have incubated over 370 start-ups.
